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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
09/818,750	CHA ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Kaj K. Olsen	1753	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the interview of 5-24-2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,4,6,7,10-13 and 15-18.
3. The drawings filed on 27 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 050525;050607.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Greg LaPointe on 5-24-2005 and 6-7-2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 10, second to last line of the claim, the "or" was changed to --and--.

In claim 16, last line of the claim, the "or" was changed to --and--.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method for fabricating the planar reference electrode of claim 16 which comprises:

- (1) forming an the electrode connection connecting part on [[a]] the plate;
- (2) forming an the electrode on the plate by using a screen printing method;
- (3) forming an the insulating layer by screen printing on the electrode, to provide a well around the electrode and [[a]] the line of micro capillary;
- (4) placing an the inner reference solution within the well;

and

- (5) forming [[a]] the non-porous protection membrane to cover the inner reference solution.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method for fabricating the planar reference electrode of claim 10 which comprises:

- (1) forming ~~an the~~ the electrode ~~connection~~ connecting part on [[a]] the plate;
- (2) forming ~~an the~~ the electrode on the plate by using a screen printing method;
- (3) forming ~~an the~~ the insulating layer by screening printing on the electrode, to provide a well around the electrode;

(4) placing ~~an the~~ the inner reference solution within the well;

and

- (5) forming [[a]] the porous protection membrane to cover the inner reference solution.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kaj Olsen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1344. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 5:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen, can be reached on 571-272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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